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In re Application of

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For: WORM SHAFT MOVABLE AMOUNT ADJUSTMENT METHOD, WORM  
SHAFT MOVABLE AMOUNT ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS AND  
ELASTIC SUPPORT ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTRIC POWER STEERING  
APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND**  
**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND**  
**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2005, please consider the following:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.